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SUBJECT: CHILE/PRC RELATIONS CONTINUE CORDIAL

1. PRESIDENT PINOCHET JULY 19 HOSTED A LUNCH IN GOVERNMENT HEADQUARTERS FOR PRC AMBASSADOR HSU CHUNG-FU. REPORT APPEARED IN SANTIAGO PRESS JUNE 20 BASED ON APPARENT GOVERNMENT PRESS RELEASE. TOPICS DISCUSSED REPORTEDLY WERE "THE CORDIAL AND CORRECT RELATIONS" BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND THE POSSIBILITIES OF STRENGTHENING THEM. GOC'S "LA PATRIA" CARRIED PHOTOGRAPH OF BOTH MEN, ALL SMILES, SHAKING HANDS.

2. COMMENT: THE CHILE/PRC RELATIONSHIP IS IMPORTANT TO GOC FOR BOTH ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL REASONS. CHILE ENJOYS A FAVORABLE TRADE BALANCE WITH PRC AND HAS HOPES OF ENLARGING IT EVEN FURTHER. POLITICALLY, LUNCH AND ATTENDANT PUBLICITY, BOTH VERY UNUSUAL HERE FOR A FOREIGN DIPLOMAT, ARE MEANT TO UNDERLINE GOC FOREIGN POLICY ARGUMENT THAT IT CAN HAVE CORDIAL RELATIONS WITH ANY COUNTRY WHICH IS NOT INVOLVED IN ACTUAL SUBVERSION IN CHILE, GOC'S STRONG ANTI-COMMUNIST INTERNAL STANCE NOTWITHSTANDING. IN ADDITION, GOC VIEWS SOVIET UNION AS ITS PRINCIPAL ENEMY AND ENJOYS TAUNTING IT BY SHOWING

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FRIENDSHIP WITH PRC. GOC MAY ALSO HOPE TO SCORE A FEW POINTS

WITH THIRD WORLD NATIONS, I.E. THAT GOC IS PERHAPS NOT ALL
THAT BAD IF THE PRC, NO "LACKEY OF U.S. IMPERIALISM", IS
FRIENDLY.
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